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## SICILY—SMALLPOX.

A report dated May 6, 1905, states that there were about 60 cases of smallpox at Catania.

The prefect of the city of Catania has promulgated the following decree regarding vaccination:

All the inhabitants of the city of Catania, and those in all the communes of the province of Catania, must undergo vaccination, whether they have been already vaccinated or not.

The municipal authorities shall furnish without delay the names and number of each family inhabiting the different communes.

Any one transgressing this decree shall be liable to a fine not exceeding lire 500 and to imprisonment for a term of from one month to six months.

The mayors of the province are charged with the immediate execution of this decree.

## GREECE—TYPHUS FEVER.

A report dated May 4, 1905, states that there was 1 case of typhus fever in Athens.

## JAPAN.

*Report from Kobe—Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler reports, April 27, as follows:

Aliens recommended for rejection at Kobe during the month of April, 1905:

April 1, steamship *Minnesota*, for Seattle, 11; steamship *Korea*, for San Francisco, 1; for Honolulu, 12. April 12, steamship *Coptic*, for San Francisco, 1; for Honolulu, 19. April 18, steamship *China*, for Manila, 8; steamship *Iyo Maru*, for Seattle, 2. April 22, steamship *Shawmut*, for Tacoma, 9. April 27, steamship *Siberia*, for Honolulu, 18.

## MEXICO.

*Reports from Progreso and Merida—Mortality—Sanitary conditions—Suspect yellow fever cases in Merida under observation—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, May 6 and 13, as follows:

Week ended May 5, 1905. There have been no cases of quarantinable disease reported in Progreso nor in Merida. In Progreso there have been 5 deaths—pericarditis (alcoholic), 1; acute dysentery, 1; dentition, 1; intestinal gangrene, 1, and mitral insufficiency, 1. The conditions in Merida are fairly good.

The following vessels cleared:

April 29, steamship *Vigilancia* for New York via Habana; with crew, 78; passengers from this port, 55; in transit, 42.

April 29, steamship *Orion* for New Orleans; crew 35.

May 2, steamship *Telefon* for Mobile; crew 19.

May 3, steamship *Caya Bonita* for United States via Mexican ports; with crew 32.

May 4, steamship *Tjomo* for New York via Campeche; with crew 18, passengers 2.

Week ended May 12, 1905: Population probably not over 6,000. Quarantinable diseases—none reported here nor in Merida. In the

latter place there are, almost continuously, suspect yellow fever cases under observation. In Progreso the following deaths were recorded: Enterico-colitis, 2; malaria, 2; pernicious fever, 1; athrepsia, 1; exhaustion, 1; in all, 7; 1 daily.

Bills of health have been issued as follows:

May 6, steamship *Havana*, to New York via Habana; crew 96, passengers, from Progreso; 108 to Habana and New York.

May 10, steamship *Alm*; Mobile; crew 22.

May 11, steamship *Galveston*; Texas City; crew 21, passengers 3.

May 12, sailing vessel *Gertrude A. Bartlett*; Gulfport; crew 7.

*Report from Tampico—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions—Mortality.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, May 15, as follows:

Week ended May 13, 1905: Steamships inspected and passed, 4; one of these 4 failed to sail. Inspected and passed personnel (crew) 229; passengers, 38; fumigated and passed, steamships, 4. One fumigation by Cuban medical officer, certified by myself, another fumigated by the Cuban medical officer, making 6 steamships, of the 8 sailing from this port during the week fumigated.

Shipping continues good. The consul's report shows a gain of about 10 per cent in bills of health issued from January 1 to May 13, 1905, over the corresponding time of last year, while my report of vessels fumigated shows a gain of nearly 40 per cent. The sanitary situation remains unchanged from last week; perhaps the conditions are a little more favorable. While the *stegomyiae* are found to be breeding, the excessive heat and dry weather seem to kill them, so that they have not increased in any appreciable numbers during the last week or perhaps two weeks. *Anopheles* also appear to be fewer.

*Mortuary report, week ended May 13, 1905.*—Thoracic aneurism, 1; alcoholism, 2; organic heart disease, 1; pneumonia, 1; rachitis, 1; pernicious fever, 2; tuberculosis, 3; enteric fever, 1; drowned, 1; anemia, 1; abscess, 1; total, 15. Mortality rate, 39.

*Report from Veracruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Yellow-fever cases at Tierra Blanca.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, May 13, as follows:

Week ended May 6, 1905. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued, 9; vessels fumigated with sulphur to kill mosquitoes, 1; crew inspected and passed, 314; passengers inspected and passed, 125.

No quarantinable disease was reported at Veracruz for the week. Four cases of yellow fever were under treatment at the end of the week at Tierra Blanca, a small town 57 miles south of Veracruz.

#### NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows: Week ended May 11, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; no deaths reported; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.